WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez today announced several new staff additions to her Washington, D.C. and Garden Grove offices .

Carlos Urquiza joins the Congresswoman's office in Garden Grove as Field Representative, who handles the business, housing, and transportation portfolio. Carlos previously served as a Council Assistant to former Anaheim Council Member Bob Hernandez, where he prepared policy briefings and attended community meetings. Carlos earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from California State University, Fullerton, and is completing a Masters in Public Administration.

New Press Assistant Adrienne Watson joins the Washington, D.C. office as the Congresswoman's primary point of contact with the media. Previously, Adrienne worked as Press Assistant for Congressman Baron Hill (IN-09), for whom she interned and also served as Staff Assistant. She graduated from Indiana University in three years with a bachelor's degree in West European History.

And finally, Melanie Abe joins the Washington D.C. staff as Staff Assistant, and will manage many of the administrative functions of the D.C. office as well as run the tour and internship programs. Melanie has interned for various organizations such as the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Department of State, and most recently the U.S. Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment. Melanie graduated from Whittier College with a double major in Political Science and Global and Cultural Studies.

"I am excited to add these capable and bright professionals to my staff," said Rep. Sanchez. "I know their experience, dedication, and serious work ethic will be a true asset to our team and to the constituents of the 47th District."